

City of **GREENSBORO**  
North Carolina **LIBRARY**

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# Go Play Learn

*The Greensboro Public Library*

Groundhog Day is celebrated on February 2.



According to folklore, if it is cloudy when the groundhog emerges from its burrow, then spring will come early; if it is sunny, the groundhog will supposedly see its shadow and retreat back into its burrow, and winter weather will continue for six more weeks. The largest Groundhog Day event is in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. The groundhog's name is Phil.

## Celebrate Black History Month At Your Library

## Green Living



In March, families will have an opportunity to try an experiment by registering to participate in No Impact Week Greensboro sponsored by the Greensboro Public Library.

Involve your whole family in energy and water conservation, buying local food, and more.

By registering at [noimpactproject.org/greensboro](http://noimpactproject.org/greensboro) you will be entered in a drawing for prizes and you will also receive green tips for the No Impact Week, March 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. Two family programs will be offered during the week, a Household Elf program and a recycled art activity.

Check out more Green Living books in the Nature Nook at the Kathleen Clay Library.

**February 6...African American Inventors** - Learn about these famous inventors and create your own invention. Wednesday, 4-5pm McGirt Horton

**February 6...African American Art Adventure** - Explore the art of Minnie Evans, Jacob Lawrence and many more, then create some amazing artwork of your own! Wednesday 4-5pm Kathleen Clay

**February 6...African American History Mini-Museum** - Help create a temporary Mini Museum for our branch. Wednesday 6-7.30pm Vance Chavis

**February 12...Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington** - "Were You There?" help us celebrate the 1963 March on Washington. Tuesday 6.30-8pm Vance Chavis

**February 19...African American Art** Marya Ryals presents African American art through the decades with prints, art activities and more. Tuesday 6.30-7.30 Glenwood



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[www.greensborolibrary.org](http://www.greensborolibrary.org)

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS!

**March 2 – Saturday- Go Seuss Go! - Please join us for Dr. Seuss' Birthday Party at the Greensboro Public Library - Children's Room and the Greensboro Children's Museum for all things Seuss!**

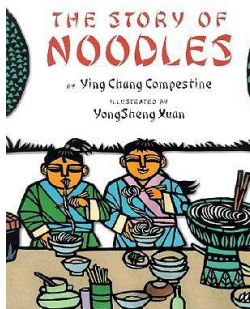
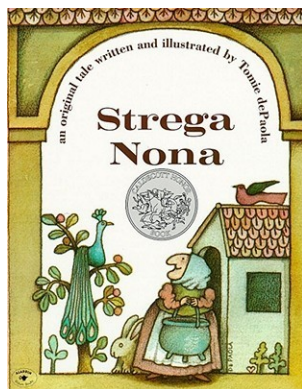
**Story Time at 11:00am;**

**Movie - *Cat in the Hat* at 1:00pm;**

**3:00pm Craft Time – Truffula Trees.**

**Activities at the Children's Museum will be from 10:00am to 4:00 pm with Cat in the Hat Crafts and Face Painting.**

**Special visits by the Cat in the Hat!**



## March is National Noodle Month

Fill your noodle with books about noodles.

Fun With Chinese Cooking – J641.595 Lee

Noodle Man :The Pasta Superhero – E Sayre

On Top of Spaghetti – E Johnson

Pino and the Signora's Pasta – E Pedersen

Spaghetti Park – E DiSalvo

The Story of Noodles – E Compestine

Strega Nona: An Old Tale – J398 DePaola

The Young Chef's Italian Cooking – J641.594 Gioffre

*Strega Nona*, by Tomie dePaola    *The Story of Noodles*, cover art by Yong Sheng Xuan



## THE BOOK BAG

*Inch and Roly Make a Wish*  
by Melissa Wiley.  
New York: Simon Spotlight, 2012.

What do bugs do when they are bored? Join Inchworm, Roly Poly, Dragonfly and Beetle as they search for some excitement. Beginning readers and parents alike will enjoy this recent Level One title in the Ready-To-Read series. Simple vocabulary, large type and bright pictures will attract a new reader and the delightful story will hold their attention to the end. Slightly more advanced readers will like Wiley's *Fox and Crow Are Not Friends* while parents should check out her charming blog at [melissawiley.com](http://melissawiley.com).

Review by Marya Ryals, Hemphill Branch

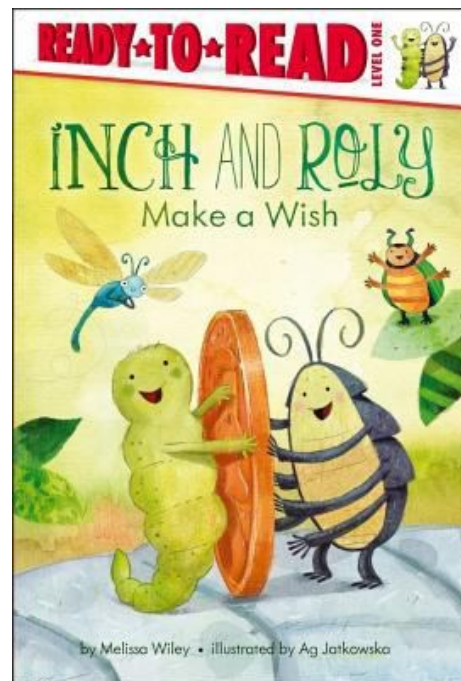


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## JUST FOR FUN!

Do skunks celebrate Valentine's Day?



What do farmers give their wives for Valentines Day?



Yes, they're very scent-imental!

Hogs and Kisses.

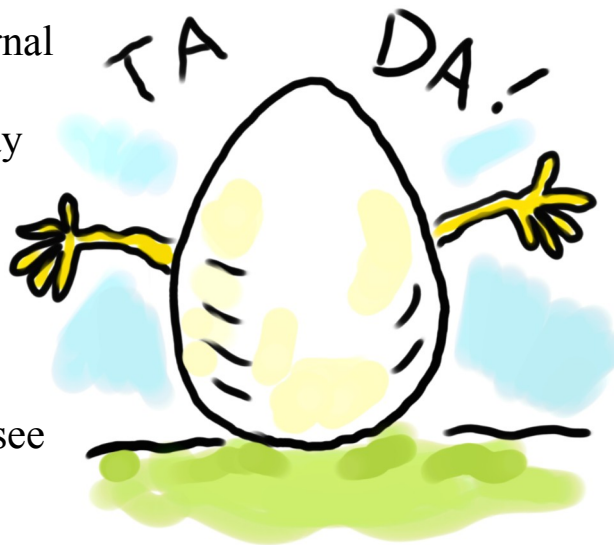
# March 26 is "Make Up Your Own Holiday Day"



## The First Day of Spring

March 20 is the first day of spring, also known as the Vernal Equinox. It is one of the two days during the year when day and night are almost exactly equal in length.

Some people think you can balance an egg on its' end on this day. Try it yourself and see what happens.





# Cultural Adventures

Did you know you can celebrate Chinese New Year, tour South America, explore the Serengeti Plains, or go to Mardi Gras and you never have to leave Greensboro? All these adventures, and more, are as close as your local library. Pick up a calendar of events the next time you're at the library or check out our online calendar at <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/index.aspx?page=839>



## Five Little Books

by J. Young

Five little books -  
Sitting on a shelf.

The first book said,  
"You can read me by yourself."

The second book said,  
"You can read me with a friend."

The third book said,  
"You can read me once again."



The fourth book said,  
"You can read me 'til you're done."

The fifth book said,  
"Isn't reading fun!"

So I checked out those books  
From the library,  
And I put them in a bag  
And took them home with me.



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# Jumble Fun



This 16<sup>th</sup> President of the United States was born in a log cabin in Kentucky on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ O L C N N L I

The month of February is known as \_\_\_\_\_ Lovers Month – a time for people to celebrate this wonderful place that offers books, computers, programs, information and more to people. Y B I R L R A

Legend says that St. Patrick rid Ireland of these legless reptiles. \_\_\_\_\_ N K S A E S

The month of February commemorates the feeding and watching of these winged animals. \_\_\_\_\_ S R I D B

March 2 is the birthday of this famous author who brought us the Grinch, the Cat in the Hat and Green Eggs and Ham – this is the name used on his books.

\_\_\_\_\_ D S U S E S R.

This is the real last name of the famous author who brought us the Grinch, the Cat in the Hat and Green Eggs and Ham.

\_\_\_\_\_ L E E G I S





# Craft Time

## Valentine Craft

What you need : Scissors; red and pink thin ribbon or embroidery floss; valentine heart candies; ruler; clear plastic wrap

Cut a rectangle of plastic wrap about 8 inches long and 3 inches wide. Arrange different candies along the strip of plastic wrap. Wrap the plastic wrap around the candy.



Tie off each section of different candy and the two ends of the wrap with the thin ribbon or embroidery floss to secure it. Trim off any excess plastic wrap at each end. Tie a long ribbon or embroidery floss to each end to make a necklace. Attach shorter lengths to each end and tie them together in a bow to make a bracelet.

Valentine Candy Jewelry craft from *All New Crafts for Valentine's Day* by Kathy Ross - pages 38 and 39.

## St. Patrick's Day Craft

What you need : green construction paper; scissors; white glue; stapler; gold glitter; green straw; thin ribbon in both gold and green.



What you do: Cut three heart shapes from the green paper. Glue the ends of the three shapes together to form a shamrock. Staple the center of the shamrock to one end of the straw to make the handle.

Decorate the shamrock with gold glitter. Cut three or more 3 foot ribbons.

Hold the ribbons together and staple them to the back of the shamrock at the center so that the ends hang down from the shamrock wand. Cut several tiny shamrocks and glue/staple them along the ribbons .

Maybe your magic wand will catch a leprechaun !!!!

Shamrock Wand from *Crafts from St. Patrick's Day* by Kathy Ross pages 22 and 23.

